



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Banner Mountain COM – Improvements by AT&T Wireless		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	13933 Banner Mountain Lookout Rd, Nevada City, CA 95959 SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 16, T16 N, R9E, MDBM	<b>COUNTY</b>	Nevada
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the installation of a new 50kW propane generator & 499 gallon propane tank, for emergency backup power to the existing AT&T Wireless telecommunication facility at CAL FIRE's Banner Mountain COM/Lookout facility. The installation of both the generator and propane tank would be completed within two weeks once the Notice to Proceed is given. Work will begin once environmental compliance is achieved, and a signed lease amendment for the additional ground space is executed. The project would consist of the construction of two separate concrete pads, both measuring 5' x 10' x 6", one for the generator and the other for the propane tank. New protective bollards would be installed around the propane tank, as well as new underground conduits from the generator to the existing AT&T shelter for power, alarming, and monitoring. There will also be a new ¾" buried gas line between the tank and generator. All of this work will not affect any exiting vegetation.

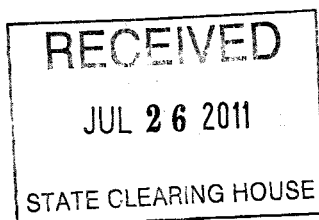
### EXEMPTION STATUS

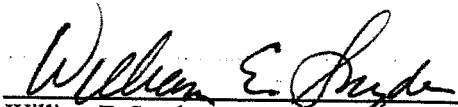
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: Class 2 and 4 Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities  
14 CCR § 15302, 14 CCR § 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption (state code section):**
- ☐ **Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)**
- ☐ **Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))**
- ☐ **Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))**

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under the above-list two classes of Categorical Exemption authorized in the CEQA Guidelines. These are – Class 2 pertaining to replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities and Class 4 pertaining to minor alterations to land. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Nevada Yuba Placer Unit Headquarters in Auburn, California, Attention Unit Environmental Coordinator. No environmental impacts are anticipated from this project.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 7/26/11  
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